

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A haptic for an ophthalmological implant comprising:

- a) an arcuate haptic having an inner wall;
- b) at least two spaced apart eyelets on said haptic adapted for receiving a securing member, and attaching onto said securing member, wherein at least one of said eyelets is defined by a free end of an arm that is substantially abuttingly adjoined to said inner wall of said haptic and is adapted to be separated from said inner wall of said haptic, wherein each of said eyelets includes an aperture defined by an arm that depends from said haptic and folds over upon itself, and wherein a notch is defined at said arm for guiding a securing member into said eyelet.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method for implanting a haptic into an eye comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an implant having at least one arcuate haptic defining an inner wall, said haptic including at least two spaced apart eyelets adapted for receiving a securing member and attaching onto said securing member, wherein at least one of said eyelets is defined by a free end of an arm that is substantially abuttingly adjoined to said inner wall of said haptic and is adapted to be separated from said inner wall of said haptic, wherein each of said eyelets includes an aperture defined by an arm that depends from said haptic and folds over upon itself, and wherein a notch is defined at said arm for guiding a securing member into said eyelet;
- b) inserting a securing member into an eye; and
- c) attaching said haptic to said securing member.

Claim 4 (original): The haptic of claim 1 further comprising an optic secured to said haptic.

Claim 5 (original): The haptic of claim 4 further comprising a second haptic having two spaced apart eyelets.

Claim 6 (original): The haptic of claim 4 wherein said eyelets depend inwardly toward said optic relative to said haptic.

Claim 7 (previously amended): The haptic of claim 1 wherein a notch is defined in said haptic for allowing a pathway to help guide said securing member into an apertures of at least one of said eyelets.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (original): A method according to claim 3 wherein said implant is an intraocular lens.

Claim 16 (original): A method according to claim 3 wherein said securing member is a suture.

Claim 17 (original): A method according to claim 16 wherein said inserting step employs a suture guide device having at least two channels defined therein for guiding a suture through each channel and into an eye.

Claim 18 (original): A method according to claim 16 wherein said suture is passed through a sclera of an eye.

Claim 19 (original): A method according to claim 18 wherein upon said attaching step the haptic is secured to the eye by four point fixation.

Claim 20 (original): A method according to claim 3 further comprising a second haptic that is secured to the eye by a suture.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The haptic of claim 4 wherein the eyelets are spaced and positioned so that the center of said optic falls, when fixed in an eye, within the space defined by a contact point between the eyelets and said securing member.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The haptic of claim 5 wherein the eyelets are spaced and positioned so that the center of said optic falls, when fixed in an eye, within the space defined by a contact point between the eyelets and said securing member.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The haptic of claim 21 wherein a notch is defined in said haptic for allowing a pathway to help guide said securing member into an apertures of at least one of said eyelets.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The haptic of claim 22 wherein a notch is defined in said haptic for allowing a pathway to help guide said securing member into an apertures of at least one of said eyelets.

Claim 25 (previously presented):      The haptic of claim 5, wherein the haptic provides four attachment sites for securing in an eye.